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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I think that this paper is well-written and very interesting for orthopedists. In addition, this review is worth publishing in World Journal of Orthopedics.



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ABSTRACT Line 90-92: These are old concepts. Most recent literature does not agree. Line 116-118: what do you mean?? Line 118: is known, not in known Line 163: What is US? Ultrasound? In any case the sentence is awkward. Line 185: The sentence is not well understable. Line 191: an higher Line 201: However is not placed correctly. Line 201, 219-223: There is a study by Gumina et al. dealing about aging and rotator cuff tear size. Please add it and discuss it. Line 240-248: There is a study by Carbone et al. dealing about smoking habit and cuff tear size. Please add it and discuss it. Line 253-257: There is a study by Gumina et al. dealing about iper-kyphosis and subacromial impingement. Please add it and discuss it. Line 482-484: I do not agree with this conclusion. I don't wait to wait for operating a cuff tear only when it becomes massive!! Line 601: Training of who is going to perform the US examination. I often receive cuff tear US assessment done by generalist, and I not even look at it because of the poor sensibility and specificity. Line 686: The term dyskinesia is incorrect. Replace with dyskinesia. Line 834: Figure 3 is awful. Has a humeral head that shape??? In general, this is a well-written paper, dealing with a very interesting topic. On the other side, it is excessively too long and consequently it is difficult to follow the text. I was almost unable to finish the reading of the



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manuscript! So, I strongly suggest to the authors to shorten the text of at least 50% and then to re-submit the paper. Best regards